

Highlights

- ✓ Increased funding is included for technology to reduce operating costs and increase customer service.
- ✓ Funding is included for the Comprehensive Plan development and publication that Kansas regulations and Federal regulations require be updated every five years.
- ✓ One position in the Current Plans division is eliminated in the 2003 Revised budget.

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) is to provide information and professional advice for the orderly, efficient and attractive development and redevelopment of land in Wichita and Sedgwick County.

Overview

The MAPD serves as a clearinghouse for development-related data for the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. The MAPD makes recommendations on development applications and issues to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, the City Council, the County Commission and various boards and commissions. The MAPD holds workshops and hearings to facilitate citizen involvement in the planning process, and publishes periodic reports on topics such as population growth and development trends.

The Department consists of four divisions. The Administration Division is responsible for leadership and department management, overseeing the department budget, monitoring federal and state transportation grants and recording minutes of several advisory boards. Current Plans administers zoning and subdivision regulations, processes development applications ensuring orderly development of land in a manner that minimizes the cost of providing public services while ensuring that public safety and health concerns are addressed and maintains the values and quality of life of surrounding properties. Current Plans maintains the official maps reflecting platting, zoning and rights-of-way. Land Use and Research division provides research and policy analysis on community development issues for elected and appointed officials. The division also supports the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and neighborhood planning initiatives. Transportation Planning provides research and policy analysis on transportation related issues, develops and maintains the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, and assists in securing available State and Federal transportation funds. Partially funded with grants, the Division is the channel through which Federal and State transportation grants are coordinated.

Located within MAPD, but grant funded, is one Senior Planner dedicated to historic preservation. Responsibilities include design review for building alterations in and around historic districts, advertisement of a low-interest loan program and community education.



Eaton Hotel and Tower - Historic Eaton block preserved through public-private partnership.

Finance and Operations

The interlocal agreement provides that MAPD be funded 50 percent by the City of Wichita and 50 percent by Sedgwick County, with grants supporting Transportation Planning and Historic Preservation. In addition to 50 percent of the cash funding, the City also provided in kind services in amount of \$281,500 in 2002. The department generates revenue from items such as subdivision plats, rezoning fees, and the sale of maps and planning publications.

Summary of Revenue Sources

\$ In Thousands

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Historic Preservation grants | 77 | 79 | 88 | 83 | 83 |
| Planning grants | 542 | 605 | 622 | 592 | 592 |
| Program revenue | 238 | 281 | 249 | 255 | 269 |
| Sedgwick County | 556 | 592 | 614 | 657 | 679 |
| City of Wichita | 556 | 593 | 614 | 657 | 679 |
| Total Revenue | 1,969 | 2,150 | 2,187 | 2,244 | 2,302 |

Revenues continue with a declining trend, despite a continued demand for more sophisticated services. The dual fee structure contributes to a smaller and unequal cost recovery structure for citizens and businesses using planning services.

The 2003 Revised budget continues to invest in technology to provide more convenient and more efficient services without additional staff. Per Council action in June 2003, the Wireless Study consultant fee is also included in 2003 budget. In 2000, MapWise became available. This provided computerized desktop access to zoning maps, making the maps far more accessible than the paper versions. In 2003 MapWise access was expanded. Though current maps are available on the desktop, numerous maps and documents currently stored on paper are routinely drawn from archives. The 2003 budget includes a large-surface scanner to convert historical maps to an electronic format. Conversion of paper maps to electronic format will offer an enhanced service to developers, facilitating e-mailing of maps, saving mailing costs, printing costs and long-term staff time. In 2003, one support position in the Current Plans division was eliminated.

Kansas law requires that the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County adopt and review annually a Comprehensive Plan, and by Federal law, to prepare a major update of the plan every five years. Work on the Comprehensive Plan will be ongoing in 2003, including public forums for early and meaningful citizen input. Funds for public hearings, legal notices, and publication are included in the 2003 and 2004 budgets. The adopted Comprehensive Plan will be published in 2004.

| Selected Service Levels | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| Annexation requests | 16 | 24 | 18 | 25 | 25 |
| Unilateral annexations | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Small city annexations | 4 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 10 |
| Annexation staff hours | 1,677 | 647 | 321 | 500 | 450 |

City-County Planning Department Budget Summary

| | 2002 Actual | 2003 Adopted | 2003 Revised | 2004 Adopted | 2005 Approved |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Personal Services | 1,237,277 | 1,393,920 | 1,186,490 | 1,316,550 | 1,375,570 |
| Contractual Services | 212,509 | 232,850 | 260,980 | 234,470 | 234,470 |
| Commodities | 16,431 | 17,400 | 17,400 | 17,580 | 17,580 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 12,600 | 12,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Fund Expenditures | 1,466,217 | 1,656,770 | 1,477,470 | 1,568,600 | 1,627,620 |
| Less: Sedgwick Co. contribution | (591,820) | (717,170) | (614,190) | (656,600) | (679,510) |
| Other revenue | (281,496) | (247,560) | (249,090) | (255,400) | (268,600) |
| Net Planning Fund Expenditures | 592,901 | 692,040 | 614,190 | 656,600 | 679,510 |
| Grant Resources | 684,032 | 709,650 | 709,650 | 675,160 | 675,160 |
| Local Resources | 1,466,217 | 1,656,770 | 1,477,470 | 1,568,600 | 1,627,620 |
| Total Planning Resources | 2,150,249 | 2,366,420 | 2,187,120 | 2,243,760 | 2,302,780 |
| Full-time positions | 29 | 29 | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| Part-time positions | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total FTE positions | 29.45 | 29.95 | 28.95 | 28.95 | 28.95 |